

MCC (SW/AW) Frank Neely

AFN Bahrain Station Manager

Chief Neely is a native of Houston, Texas. He enlisted in the Navy in 1998 as a Radioman. He cross-rated in 2004 as a Navy Journalist Second Class Petty Officer while working on his bachelor's degree in Communications. He was then assigned to Navy Public Affairs Support Element West in 2006, where he served as the Production Leading Petty Officer (LPO) and as the LPO for the USS RONALD REAGAN (CVN 76) and USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74) Sea Operational Detachments. In 2010, he began his assignment aboard the Navy's oldest commissioned warship afloat, USS CONSTITUTION, where he served ship's Public Affairs Officer (PAO) during the ship's historic 2012 sail to commemorate the Bicentennial of the War of 1812. He was also selected to the coveted rank of Chief Petty Officer during his tenure there and served as the command's Executive Department Leading Chief Petty Officer (LCPO) from 2011 to 2013. He currently serves as the Station Manager and LCPO for American Forces Network Bahrain.

His personal awards include the Joint Service Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (2 awards), Navy Achievement Medal (2 awards), Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal and his selection as the 2012 Enlisted PAO the Year. He possesses a bachelor's degree in Communications and is currently working on his master's degree in Creative Writing.